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SOURCE T'ai-p'ing-yang Jih-pao.INDOCHINA EXPORTS DUCK FEATHERS REGULARLY TO HONG KONG

A survey of the Hanoi pro-KMT newspaper, T'ai-p'ing yang Jih-pao, for the period of 15 July-7 December 1952 showed that duck feather exports from Haiphong were shipped regularly to Hong Kong during the latter half of 1952. According to the newspaper, the British vessel Elsbeth (269 tons), operated by the Shun-ch'ang Company in Hong Kong, carried the duck feathers at an average frequency of twice monthly between July and December. Other vessels carrying the same commodity during the same period were the British vessels Juliana (255 tons) and Angelina (260 tons), both also operated by the Shun-ch'ang Company, and the Panamanian vessel, Han-ch'en.

The T'ai-p'ing-yang Jih-pao noted in terms of pieces of cargo the quantity of each commodity shipped to Hong Kong on each trip but did not give any specific volume. The following table, compiled from reports in the newspaper, compares the number of pieces (possibly bales) of duck feathers with the total number of pieces of other commodities shipped to Hong Kong from Haiphong on each trip between July and 7 December 1952. Commodities other than duck feathers included spices, potatoes, gambier, dried fruit, beef fat, vegetable oils, castor oil, sesame seed and other herbs, rape, jute bark, hemp, chestnut shells, and cotton. Cotton shipments, totaling 304 bales in September and October, are given special notation in the table.

<u>Vessel</u>	<u>Date of Departure (1952)</u>	<u>Duck Feathers (pieces)</u>	<u>Other Cargo (pieces)</u>
Elsbeth	11 Jul	164	1,247
Elsbeth	15 Aug	119	507
Elsbeth	25 Aug	130	228
Juliana	1 Sep	82	338
Elsbeth	11 Sep	178	770 (includes 40 bales cotton)

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<u>Vessel</u>	<u>Date of Departure (1952)</u>	<u>Duck Feathers (pieces)</u>	<u>Other Cargo (pieces)</u>
Elsbeth	22 Sep	124	369
Han-ch'en	3 Oct	32	455 (includes 104 bales cotton)
Elsbeth	13 Oct	93	287 (includes 40 bales cotton)
Elsbeth	23 Oct	30	300 (includes 120 bales cotton)
Elsbeth	1 Nov	226	295
Angelina	6 Nov	8	218
Elsbeth	12 Nov	25	14
Han-ch'en	13 Nov	46	123
Elsbeth	4 Dec	61	89
Total		1,318	5,240 (includes 304 bales cotton)

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